

THE PUBLIC HUE AND CRY;

Sir John Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

S E N T

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magistrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, JUNE 24, to FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1774.

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THE DESIGN of this UNDERTAKING.

TO prevent Offences, and thereby save the Lives of many of his Majesty's Subjects by the speedy Detection of Criminals. To check the mischievous Effects of Luxury, and raise an Attention, if possible, to a due Subordination by feishable Persuasions, conveyed in Essays on Human Life. To advance the Rewards of the Ingenious by exhibiting their authenticated Merits to the Public. To trace exiting Evils that afflict the Peace and good Order of Society; to trace them to their Sources, and point out the Remedies. And as this public-spirited Plan is honoured by Royal Countenance, from Sentiments of the highest Benevolence, and is carried into Execution on the most disinterested Principles by the Editor of this Paper, to whom no possible Gain can arise, except that immense one of delivering well of his Country; it has the fairest Claim to the Approbation of the Worthy, the Affluence of the Able, and the Candour of all his Majesty's well-disposed Subjects.

P. S. All Essays for the Hue and Cry are desired to be directed to Bow-Street.

J. FIELDING.

FELONS AT LARGE, ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

JOHN GULLETT, John Pratt, Robert Elms, John Parker, John Doughty, Thomas West, John Conney, Owen Hearn, Christopher Riley, James Marnagh, John Barrett, William Newman, William Newland, and one Delahay, a woman.

John Gullett, is about five Feet four Inches high, black complexioned, wears his own straight black Hair, a little pock-marked; a Mason by Trade.

John Pratt, is a Labourer, five Feet six Inches high, fair complexioned, wears his own light brown curled Hair.

Robert Elms, is a Malter, five Feet five Inches high, his own dark straight Hair, swarthy Complexion, stiff. The above three Persons broke out of Plymouth Gaol last January, when under Sentence of Transportation.

John Parker, is thirty-four Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches high, dark complexioned, wears his own straight black Hair, and is a Shoe-Maker by Trade; broke out of Newham Gaol in December, 1772, charged with House-breaking.

John Doughty, is a Gardener, forty Years of Age, five Feet seven Inches high, dark brown Hair, full faced, pock-marked, much scarred in one Eye; broke out of Colchester Gaol in November, 1773.

Thomas West, is a Gardener, twenty-two Years of Age, five Feet eight Inches high, born at Southampton, straight and slim, black, short, curled Hair, swarthy Complexion, pock-marked; broke out of Southampton Gaol last March.

John Conney, is thirty Years of Age, five Feet nine Inches high, well made, dark brown Hair, now complexioned, sandy Beard, small hazel Eyes, has a Roman Nose, on the right Side of which is a Scar; charged with a violent Robbery at Reading last October.

Owen Hearn, is an Irishman, thirty Years of Age, five Feet nine Inches high, swarthy Complexion, pock-marked, black Hair tied behind, black Beard, thin mustache, charged with a notorious Felony in London last December, and is supposed to be gone to Dunkirk in France.

Christopher Riley, is an Irishman, a Whitefish by Trade, about forty Years old, tall and thin; charged with an audacious Robbery in London last January.

James Marnagh, is an Irishman, about forty Years of Age, middle sized, stout made, round faced, dark lank Hair, worked in London as a Labourer, and was concerned with Christ Riley in the Robbery above-mentioned. The three last mentioned Persons are supposed to be gone to Ireland.

John Barrett, is an Irishman, about thirty Years of Age, tall and thin, Roman Nose, brown Hair tied behind, born in Suffolk, has been in the Army, and some time ago kept the Black Bull Alehouse at Lewisham; charged with Murder in London last February.

William Newman, is an Irishman, about twenty Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, thin faced, and much freckled, light brown Hair, and is a family; charged with Felony in London the 7th of June Instant.

William Newland, is about thirty-six Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches high, very thin, long arms, smooth faced, swarthy complexioned, wears a Wig, has a wide Mouth, thick Lips, and down Look, has been a Higler in Essex, and kept a Public-House at Chinkford; charged with stealing Cattle in November, 1773.

Delahay, is an Irish woman, who pretends to be related to Persons of Quality in France, upwards of fifty Years of Age, short, and thick set, dark Hair, inclining to grey, and sore Eyes; charged with Felony at Graveland the 13th of June Instant.

The Clerks to the Magistrates in the Country, Town Clerks of Corporations, and Gaolers, are particularly requested to entertain the above Offenders, and apprehend them as they are now at large, and in all probability pursuing their usual Practices, the sooner they are apprehended the better. Notice to the above Office.

A DARING ROBBERY.

ON Friday the 1st Inst. between Nine and Ten in the evening, four Persons, with their Faces blacked and chalked, armed with Pistols, and who answer the following Description, went into a Public-house, known by the Sign of the White Hart, at Whitton, near Twickenham, and robbed the Family of 3l. and went away unmolested, tho' there was a large Company of Persons in and about the House at the Time.

One was a tall Man, about five Feet nine inches high, stout made, round faced, pock-marked, and a strong Voice, light brown short Hair, and looked like a Bricklayer's Labourer; had an apron on made of a Sack; was dressed in a dirty white ragged Farmers Waistcoat; had no Hat, and held a crooked Hanger. Another was about five Feet seven Inches high, rather thin, and thin Face; had on a Smock Frock, and presented a long Horfe Pistol. Another was a very short Man, thin made, and thin Face, over which he wore a Crap; was dressed in a multi-coloured close Coat, and had the appearance of a Chimney-sweeper. The fourth stood at the Door. Whoever will apprehend the above Offenders, or either of them, or give such notice as may cause them to be apprehended shall receive Five Guineas Reward on each of their Commitments; or if either of the above Offenders will surrender himself, and discover his Accomplices; so that two or more may be convicted, he will be admitted an Evidence for the Crown, and will, by Law, be entitled to his Pardon.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

THOMAS MDERMOTT, charged with stealing Wearing Apparel the 4th of July Instant, in London. He is about thirty Years of Age, five Feet five Inches high, well made, swarthy complexioned, has short black curled Hair, and had on a Suit of light coloured Cloaths. One Guinea Reward is offered on his Conviction by the Person robbed. Give Notice to the above Office.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

THOMAS ALLEN and **JOSEPH PIPKIN**, charged with Felony at Brickhill, in Bucks. Thomas Allen is a Brick-maker, about thirty Years of Age, five Feet five or six Inches high, slim made, a little freckled, wears his own black Hair, a drab Coat and buff Waistcoat. Joseph Pipkin is near forty Years of Age, five Feet ten Inches high, luffy, a Labourer, not pock-marked, wears his own straight Hair, his Nose a little crooked, floops in the Shoulders, wore a white Waistcoat and Half Boots. Three Guineas Reward are offered by the Person robbed on their Conviction. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the Rev. Mr. Barton, at Sherrington, near Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

ROSE SMITH, charged with stealing Wearing Apparel, &c. in London, the 3d of July Instant. She is an Irishwoman, middle sized and stout set, about twenty-six Years of Age, fair complexioned, light brown Hair, went off in a garnet Stuff Gown and black Bonnet. Two Guineas Reward are offered by the Person robbed on her Conviction. Give Notice to the above Office.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

HENRY COSLETT, otherwise **JONES**, and **MARY** his Wife, both Natives of Glamorganshire, in South Wales. The aforesaid Collet is a tall thin swarthy Man, by Trade a White-Smith, wore his own Hair tied behind, and

lame in the Fingers of his left Hand. The Woman is short and thick, of a pale Complexion, and is also lame in her Hands. They are charged with stealing on the 3d of May last out of the Dwelling-House of William Williams, in King's Head Court, Wine-Street, Bristol, one silver Table Spoon, marked W W H, six Tea Spoons with the same Mark, one Pair of silver Shoe Buckles, marked H H, with several Pieces of Plate, China, &c. also one pink Silk Gown, short with White, one blue Petticoat, and other wearing Apparel of a considerable Value. Whoever will apprehend the aforesaid Collet or his Wife, so as he or she may be convicted of the said Robbery, shall receive Two Guineas Reward, by applying to William Williams, at the Bottle Warehouse on the Quay at Bristol; or give Notice to the above Office.

LET to hire, from Southwark, the 20th of June last, and not yet returned, a Strawberry-coloured Horse to a Man between forty and fifty Years of Age, middle sized, midding in Person, grey Hair curled about, was dressed in brown mixture Cloaths. If he does not immediately return the Horse, his Name will be advertised in the Public Papers, with a Reward for apprehending him. And whoever can give any Information relative to the said Horse or Man, is desired to find the same to the above Office.

STOLEN from Heltphone, near Peterborough, the 4th of June, a Black Cart Mare, six Years old, fifteen Hands high, bald faced, four white Legs, a Spot of White under her Belly. Two Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Vincent Bellars, at Heltphone aforesaid.

STOLEN or Strayed from Semere, in Suffolk, the 2d of July Instant, a Black Gelding, fifteen Hands high, with a short Tail and hanging Main, a Blaze down his Face, one white Heel behind, twelve Years old, and bare of Fleth. One Guinea Reward and reasonable Charges are offered by the Owner.

Give Notice to the above Office, or to William Partridge, at Semere aforesaid.

STOLEN from Balingtroke the 4th Instant, a Nag-tailed Bay Mare, remarkably low in the Back, black Mane and Tail, near fifteen Hands high, some Saddle Marks on the Back, and the near Foot behind white. Also a Sorrel Mare, about fourteen Hands high, a white Stripe in her Face, near Leg behind white, rather larger than the other, and somewhat lame. Whoever will give Information of the above Mares to Mr. Ricketts, Surgeon, in Balingtroke, so that they may be recovered, and the Offender or Offenders apprehended, shall receive Four Guineas Reward.

STOLEN or Strayed from Chipping-Norton Common, in Oxfordshire, the 30th of June, a strong fixed Brown Gelding, of the Nag kind, four Years old, fourteen Hands and an half high, with a Blaze in his Face, rather inclining to the off Side, short Ears, a rising Forehand like a Stallion, thickish in the Shoulders, a full Carcase, remarkable close ribbed, lowish in the Loins, a swift Tail but not nicked, one Heel behind white, and a little White round the Hoof of the other, with a small Splint on the Inside of the near Leg before. Half a Guinea Reward and all reasonable Charges are offered if traced; and if stolen a further Reward of Two Guineas on Conviction of the Offender. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Thomas Winter, Currier, at Chipping-Norton.



To the PRINTERS of the COUNTRY
NEWS-PAPERS.

GENTLEMEN,

THE great readiness you have hitherto shewn to reprint any letter or paragraph that has a tendency to propagate the knowledge of my GENERAL PREVENTIVE PLAN, as matter of public good, makes me wish that you would give the following letter a place in your respective Papers, as its benefits to the community must increase in proportion to its being known and attended to. Your compliance with this request will much oblige,

Your very humble servant,

J. FIELDING

To the Mayors of Corporations, the Acting Magistrates in the Counties at large, the High Constables, Petty Constables, the Keepers of His Majesty's Gaols, Post-Masters, Agents for the Packets, Keepers of Passage Boats, the Searchers of the several Ports, and all Persons who are or may be concerned in the Execution of SIR JOHN FIELDING'S GENERAL PREVENTIVE PLAN.

THE amazing advantages which have already accrued to this kingdom from the publication of this useful Paper, animates me to the last degree to carry this GENERAL PREVENTIVE PLAN into vigorous execution, as it has not only detected many notorious offenders, but must have prevented many crimes. The great share which the Magistrates of the Corporations, as well as the Acting Justices at large have had in the forwarding this humane and useful institution, must, from these considerations, afford them a great satisfaction; and I take this occasion of returning them my hearty thanks for the zeal and attention they have already shewn in this public service, and hope they will continue to send me the earliest accounts in their power of the names, and exact descriptions of such offenders as may from time to time escape justice; and that they would at the same time transmit warrants for their apprehension; for this would save much time, and enable me, by the 24th of Geo. II. chap. 55. at once to convey the criminal, when taken to the place where the offence was committed, without the delay and expence of a Habeas Corpus: this attention of the Magistrates must ever be the foundation and support of this undertaking. And as the Post-Masters throughout England have received directions from the Honourable the Post-Master General to send me the earliest account of every murder, highway robbery, or house-breaking, that may come to their knowledge, together with the best descriptions they can obtain of the offenders and the goods stolen, I do most earnestly request them to be attentive to these important directions, (which might be easily performed, if persons robbed in the country would give immediate notice at the next Post-Office;) for this account would shew at once the state of crimes and criminals throughout England, and put it in my power to advertise the civil power in that neighbourhood by means of this paper, and otherwise of such transactions which must in general end in suppressing such offences, either by the flight or detection of the criminals; especially if the Mayors of the respective corporations will cause the HUE AND CRY to be carefully stuck up at the market-place on the market days; and if the Acting Magistrates of the counties at large will also be so good as to cause the HUE AND CRY sent to them to be stuck up at the church porch, the next turnpike, or some conspicuous place near their residence. This is so essential a part of this plan, that I flatter myself it will be punctually complied with.

The weekly reports which the Keepers of the County Gaols favour me with of the prisoners committed to their charge, has been, and always must be, extremely useful in detecting notorious offenders who have escaped justice either by breaking gaol or otherwise; as also in discovering offenders, returned from transportation; for as persons long habituated to crimes seldom reform, but continue their practices wherever they go, this method must sooner or later bring them to justice, and herein the Gaolers cannot be too minute or exact in the descriptions of the persons,

trades, and places of nativity of the prisoners they thus send an account of. One great object of this undertaking is to prevent the stealing of horses; a practice too common, and the more so as this offence is generally attended with impunity: but as horses stolen from every part of this kingdom are from time to time advertised in the front of this paper, purchasers in the country would do well to examine what horses are there described before they buy; and if the Mayors of Corporations at their respective fairs would cause the horses thus stolen and described to be cried, it would be the means of recovering many such horses, and of detecting many horse-stealers; and when this method is generally known, it must in time deter men from this practice, as it will make it difficult for them to find purchasers with any degree of safety: but no time should be lost in giving notice of these or any other robberies. It is also recommended to shop-keepers in towns where this paper is stuck up, to examine it before they purchase plate, apparel, or any valuable goods of strangers; and on such occasions to take the names and places of abode of sellers. Stable-keepers, and all persons letting horses to hire should be as cautious in this transaction as is customary in the purchase of horses; in which case a voucher is required who knows the seller; thus Stable-keepers should require a voucher who knows the hirer: this precaution would save many an honest man's horse, prevent many highway robberies, and thereby preserve the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects. Thus are all good men interested in assisting this great plan. And as it has lately, from its utility, been rendered more extensive by sending the HUE AND CRY to the Agents for our Packets, to the Masters of our Passage-Boats, to the Searchers of all the Ports throughout England, and to the Lieutenant-General of the Police in France, the escape of offenders must be prevented, or foreign countries advertised that such criminals have taken up their residence abroad. This last mentioned able, active and benevolent Gentleman, in consequence of our mutual correspondence, has already done an essential service to a respectable individual in this country, by detecting a notorious offender, and restoring a large sum of money which he had taken from his master: and as a farther aid to this plan, he most politely offers his best endeavours to serve me on any future occasion of the like nature, requesting only the same assistance on my part. Indeed, the sentiments of humanity, and the respect that is due to the honour of good government in general, urge me to with most heartily that a reciprocal restitution of criminals was established between us and the neighbouring powers, especially in offences of a certain degree. Traitors, murderers and robbers are justly deemed "*Hostes humani generis*," and should find neither shelter or sanctuary in any civilized society; but, on the contrary, ought to be restored to suffer the punishments of those laws which they have violated to the injury of their fellow creatures; nor, in my opinion, is there any thing in this assertion derogatory from the liberal and equitable principles of the law of nations: but there is reason to fear the fault in this particular is on our side; if so, may we not hope for some reformation in a matter of such immense importance.

By this enumeration of the different officers immediately concerned in the vigorous execution of this very humane undertaking, each will see what a chasm any neglect must necessarily occasion; and as its great objects are those of saving the lives of his Majesty's subjects, preserving peace and good order, and a becoming subordination throughout the kingdom, a love for justice, a regard to true policy, and a sense of humanity, must all conspire to animate my countrymen to carry this preventive measure into vigorous and effectual execution: and his Majesty's subjects may be assured that their commands for the public welfare, as far as relates to my office as a magistrate, shall be carefully and expeditiously executed by,

Their faithful, and

obedient humble servant,

J. FIELDING.

P. S. The impositions by sharpers at fairs on farmers, &c. and at horse races on unwary people, arise from the credulity and ignorance of such persons; but as they generally begin their attacks by claiming them as acquaintances or countrymen, or by inviting them to feats of activity, or pricking in the belt, pretending to

find money, or cutting at cards, or hiding of halfpence, or challenging them to produce a certain sum of money, or by false draughts, or by producing large bags of counters, resembling money, and such like devices, these hints are published to guard the unwary against their traps.

MONDAY, July 4.
LONDON.

On Saturday a messenger was sent to Lord Gower, with the particulars of some dispatches received from North-America.

On Friday night the Marquis of Granby arrived at the seat of his grandfather the Duke of Rutland, at Knightbridge, from making the tour of France and Holland, and on Saturday he set out for Cambridge.

The building of a Royal Lodge at Richmond, which was begun some time ago, is now entirely set aside, the alterations already made, and now making, being found sufficient to answer the intended purposes.

His Majesty, during his residence at Kew, has ordered divine service to be performed every morning, at ten o'clock: A Chaplain is ordered to attend; and a Bell-ringer is also appointed, to give notice for all the domestics to attend, the same as is done at the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

The value of the tea destroyed at Boston amounts to about 8,000l. sterling.

We hear from Guatimala that another earthquake has destroyed those houses, &c. which were left standing by that which happened in July 1773; that the inhabitants fled to the country, where they are building huts to live in, and they purpose founding a new city on a spot of ground nearer the sea.

CARMARTHEN CIRCUIT.

The Hon. John Pollen, Esq; and

Edward Poore, Esq;

Cardigan, Saturday, August 6, at Cardigan.

Town and county of Haverfordwest, Friday, August 12, at Haverfordwest.

Pembrokeshire, the same day, at Haverfordwest. Carmarthenshire, Thursday August 18, at Carmarthen.

County Borough of Carmarthen, the same day at Carmarthen.

TUESDAY, July 5.
LONDON.

The Archbishop of Paris, who has suffered grievous torture, for a long time, from a stone in his bladder, at length determined to undergo the operation of cutting, which was performed on the 22d ult. the stone extracted is of a grey colour, of the shape of a macaroon, but inclining to an oval. His Grace is as well as can be expected after such an operation. He is seventy-one years of age.

Orders are given for several alterations and improvements to be made at the Queen's Palace by the Board of Works, which are to be carried into execution during their Majesties residence at Kew.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant a special pardon under the great seal to two gentlemen of Ireland, for all treasons, misprison of treason, felonies, crimes, and offences whatsoever by them committed, and for their entering into the service of the King of Spain.

We hear that orders were sent last week to Ireland, for the strictest care to be taken to prevent the raising recruits by French and Spanish emissaries, many of whom are said to be at present in that kingdom.

On Friday last his Grace the Duke of Leeds set out from his house in St. James's-square, for Tunbridge-Wells.

Sunday, in the afternoon, their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland set out for their seat in the North. Their departure for Alnwick Castle was announced some time ago without foundation; but this may be depended on.

Saturday morning at a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall, William Strahan, Esq. was chosen Master; and John Rivington, Esq. and Mr. Robert Browne, were chosen Wardens of that Company for the year ensuing.

Friday, in pursuance of a contract entered into in March last, Mr. Colman conveyed his share in the patents and property of Covent-Garden Theatre to James Leake, Esq. who purchased the share of Mr. Rutherford in the year 1768, in conjunction with Henry Dagge, Esq.

WEDNESDAY, July 6.
L O N D O N.

Last Monday evening the King, Queen, and the Prince of Mecklenburgh, honoured Mr. and Mrs. Fitzroy with their company, at Fitzroy farm near Highgate. The elegance and situation of the house and grounds were much admired by their Majesties and his Serene Highness.

The last letters from East Florida mention, that the settlers there were all in high spirits on the fair prospect of their success, their corn, indigo, rice, and cotton, having succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations.

Monday came on the election for three African Committee-men for the city of London for the present year, when on casting up the poll, the numbers stood as follow: for John Burke, Esq. 419; James Bogle French, Esq. 400; Gilbert Rofs Esq. 395; Charles Cleland, Esq. 105; whereupon the three first were declared duly elected.

Two more third rate ships of war are to be built on the new improvements at Portsmouth and Plymouth;

Two engineers of eminence, we hear, will shortly be sent to Dunkirk to take a view of the preparations made there, and the works begun at that place last autumn.

It is remarkable, that the two articles of beer and British spirits, the duties on which are paid chiefly by the lower order of the people, raise a greater revenue than all the taxes of real luxury put together, and exceed in the proportion of at least six to one; the duty upon wine, which is chiefly the beverage of the great; beer, including the tax on malt, producing a revenue of 1,500,000l. and Geneva 500,000l. in the whole two millions, while that raised on wine seldom exceeds 300,000l. per annum.

Orders are received at the Tower for a considerable quantity of ordnance stores to be sent to all his Majesty's garrisons abroad.

Orders are issued out from the War-Office for a survey to be made of his Majesties land forces in Scotland and Ireland, and proper returns to be made to the above Office.

George Bernard, Esq. is appointed Captain of a troop in the 6th (or Inniskillen) regiment of dragoons.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, July 3

"This morning the Medway man of war, with Admiral Mann on board, fell down to St. Hellen's road.

"Yesterday the Tripoline Ambassador, with all his retinue came here, and is going to embark on the Thame frigate, Capt. Moutran, who is ordered to carry him home."

On Saturday morning last Mr. Frith, Corn-chandler, near Soho-square, his wife and maid-servant, set out for Gravesend to be dipped in the salt water there, having been a few days before by a mad cat, and some dangerous symptoms beginning to appear.

Yesterday was safely delivered of a son and heir, at his house in Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, the Lady of William Osborne, Esq.

Last Friday night, about ten o'clock, as Mr. Rowley, Master of the London Coffee-House, in Ludgate-street, returning from Stockwell, was stopped near the gallows on Kennington Common by three footpads, who robbed him of his watch and about 4l.

On Friday evening last three Highwaymen were taken at an inn at Twickenham, and the next morning were carried before a Magistrate at Brentford, when several persons appearing against them, they were committed to the New Gaol, Southwark, for farther examination.

MARRIAGES.] Last Saturday was married at Enfield, Mr. Morrison, of Forty-Hill, to Miss Sherwen. A few days since Mr. Hill, to Miss Heavyside, of Henrietta-street, Covent-Garden. Sunday Mr. Hayes, an eminent Silk-dyer in Aldersgate-street, to Miss Nancy Gay, of Mincing-lane, Tower-street.

DEATHS.] On Sunday died, at Enfield, Mr. George Riddell, A. B. of Trinity College, Cambridge, eldest son of Capt. Andrew Riddell. Yesterday morning, after three weeks illness aged fifty-eight, at his house in Fleet-street, Mr. Joshua Jenour, Printer of the Daily Advertiser. A few days ago, at Swinbrooke, in Oxfordshire, the Rev. Mr. Russell. Sunday, at Stockwell, Elias Cameron Soames, Esq. formerly an officer of dragoons. Same day, at Deptford, Mrs. Jane Gunthorpe, within two months of an hundred years of age.

THURSDAY, July 7.
L O N D O N.

Yesterday there was a levee at St. James's, at which the principal officers of state, &c. were present.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Suffolk had the honour of a long conference with his Majesty, at the Queen's Palace, after which his Lordship attended the Levee at St. James's.

Yesterday Lord Pitt attended the levee at St. James's, and took leave of his Majesty, he being in a few days to set out to join his regiment at Quebec.

Yesterday Charles Hobbethwaite Esq. was sworn in before the Master of the Rolls, one of the Clerks of the Court of Chancery, in the room of Thomas Brigstock, Esq. who has resigned.

The store-keepers at the different dock-yards of this kingdom, viz. Portsmouth, Plymouth, Chatham, Sheerness, Woolwich, Deptford, &c. have received orders to give in accurate surveys of the materials under their several inspections to the Admiralty Office monthly: and the like regulation: are to take place in the Tower.

Notice is posted up at the War Office for all officers belonging to regiments now on duty in Ireland, to repair to their respective corps immediately, a review of all the troops in that kingdom being to be made by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the latter end of this month.

On Tuesday came on the election for Governors of the London Assurance Corporation, when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected: Samuel Turner, Esq. and Alderman, Governor; Thomas Dinely, Esq. Sub Governor; and John Barker, Esq. Deputy-Governor.

Saturday was tried, in the court of Common Pleas, Westminster, before Lord Chief Justice De Grey, a cause wherein Mrs. Sarah Higgs, of Stoney-lane, Tooley-street, was plaintiff, and a Brewer's Clerk, of Vine-yard was Defendant. The action was brought for a breach of contract of marriage. The Defendant courted the Plaintiff near two years, and afterwards married another young woman. After a full hearing of two hours the jury gave a verdict for the Plaintiff, with 100l. damages, and full costs of suit.

Mr. Charles Hutton, Professor of Mathematics of the Royal Academy at Woolwich, is elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Yesterday a Court of Aldermen was held at Guildhall, when four persons, skilled in the art of building, were elected to be supervisors or surveyors of buildings erected in the city of London.

Yesterday a Baker was convicted before Tho. Treflove, Esq. at the Public-Office in Villiers-street, York-Buildings, in the penalty of 10l. for unlawfully having in his possession a large quantity of Allum, contrary to the stat. of the 31st of Geo. II.

Yesterday morning between four and five o'clock a duel was fought behind the Foundling hospital, between an officer in the navy, and a lieutenant of marines, in which the latter was wounded in the belly.

On Sunday evening the maid-servant of Mrs. Axtell, in Finch-lane, Cornhill, during the absence of the family, took the opportunity to break open a bureau and drawers, and took cash and wearing apparel to a considerable amount, with which she absconded that night, and took the key of the street-door with her.

A Gentleman at Lambeth having repeatedly had his green house robbed of different plants, was resolved at last to find out the thief, for which purpose he put a small man-trap against one of the windows which he supposed the rogue came in at, but to his great surprize, the next evening he found his own son dead in it, being caught by the neck.

Yesterday the servant maid of a druggist in Thames-street, having left the street-door ajar, while she went for some milk, a sharper took the opportunity of slipping in, and stole from out of the parlour a silver watch, and plate to the amount of fourteen pounds, with which he got off undiscovered.

Yesterday two bailiffs attempting to board a ship in the river, with intent to arrest the Mate, on an action of debt, at the suit of a Wapping landlady, the sailors, who were paying the vessel's bottom with pitch, gave them so warm a reception with their pitch mops, that the officers were obliged to make the best of their way on shore, being scalded in a most miserable manner.

Yesterday the Sessions began at Justice-Hall in the Old Bailey, when 17 prisoners were tried, one of whom was capitally convicted, viz. Levi Barnett, alias Lepi Cossard, for breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Abraham Lyon Levy, and stealing a quantity of goods. Eight were cast for transportation, and three were acquitted.

Committed from the Public-Office in Bow-street, during the last fortnight.

William Royle, for robbing Mr. Morrell on the highway of a watch and some money; Joshua Peck, for stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of Isaac Meales; John Cox, for receiving silver buckles and other things, the property of Jonathan Blaney, knowing them to be stolen; Mary Gaffey, for robbing a little girl of her handkerchief; Mary Hobbly, for picking Edward Field's pocket of two guineas; Ann Lowton, for stealing a watch, three silver spoons, and other things, the property of Thomas Dutton; Joseph Williams and Thomas Collins, for coining and counterfeiting the copper money of this realm, called halfpence.

Committed during the last fortnight.

To York Castle, Thomas Sutton, for house-breaking, aged fifty, five feet eight inches high, a White Smith by trade, born in Yorkshire; and Paul Jesscock, for murder, aged thirty-nine, five feet seven inches high, a Cauler by trade, born at Sheffield.

To Salisbry Gaol, John Sellwood, for a rape aged twenty-nine, born at Stratford Toney, five feet eight inches high, a Labourer.

To Norwich Castle, James Parson and Edward Guybon, for horse-stealing; Parson is twenty-seven years of age, five feet five inches high; Guybon is thirty years of age. John Upton, for felony; he is about forty years of age, and five feet eight inches high.

To Stafford Gaol, for burglary, about twenty years of age, and five feet six inches high. Rob. Larkin and Francis Larkin, for burglary; they are both Colliers, and lived at Polesworth, Warwickshire. Charles Oldcroft, for sheep-stealing, a Collier, five feet seven inches high.

To Oxford Castle, Richard Aulkin, for felony, aged eighteen, a White Smith, born at Oxford. Robert Cox and Thomas London, for felony; Cox is aged seventeen, born at Oxford; London is nineteen years of age, a Labourer, born at Witcheschurch, Hants. Thomas Heritage, for felony, aged twenty-five, born at Oxford.

To Lancaster Gaol, John Leech, for horse-stealing; he is a Lancashire man, and about five feet ten inches high.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and descriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it must be the means of recovering many prisoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have escaped; and if the Post-Masters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Post-Master General, in sending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the best description of the offenders, the whole state of criminal matters that arise within the course of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiser, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silver Smiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horse Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving stolen goods or horses; for as it is natural for offenders who escape justice in the country to fly towards London for shelter, such occurrences, together with those that arise in town, are advertised in these two daily papers; and as it is also as common for offenders, who escape justice in this metropolis, to fly into the country or shelter, these occurrences are constantly advertised in the HUE and CRY: by these reciprocal methods escapes must be rendered difficult, the evil-disposed deterred from involving themselves and families in distress; the number of capital offenders lessened, and the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects thereby happily saved, to the joy of humanity, and the honour of civil policy.